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# **About The Foundation**

## Background

The Health Professions Education Foundation is a 501 (C)(3) nonprofit, public benefit corporation established to provide scholarships and loan repayment grants to underrepresented and economically disadvantaged health professional students throughout California.

#### **Mission Statement**

The Health Professions Education Foundation aims to improve healthcare in underserved areas of California by providing scholarships and loan repayments to health professional students and graduates who are dedicated to serving in those areas.

#### **Funding**

The Foundation awards scholarships and loan repayments through five special funds: The Health Professions Education Fund, the Registered Nurse Education Fund, the Vocational Nurse Education Fund, the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund, and the Medically Underserved Account for Physicians.

The Health Professions Education Fund is funded entirely through philanthropic contributions from hospitals, health plans, foundations, corporations & individuals.

The Registered Nurse Education Fund is funded by a \$10.00 surcharge on Registered Nurse licensure renewal.

The Vocational Education Fund is funded through a \$5.00 surcharge on the biennial licensure renewal for vocational nurses.

The Mental Health Services Provider Education Program is supported through a \$10.00 surcharge for renewal of psychologist, marriage and family therapist, and licensed clinical social worker licenses.

The Medically Underserved Account for Physicians is funded by voluntary Physician contributions and private donations.

#### Accomplishments

Since 1990, the Foundation has awarded scholarships and loan repayments totaling over \$17 million. These awards have helped over 2,400 economically disadvantaged and/or underrepresented students and graduates fulfill their dream of pursuing a career in the health professions while serving in an underserved area.

# Scholarship & Loan Repayment Programs

- Allied Healthcare Scholarship
- Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship
- Bachelor of Science Nursing Scholarship
- Bachelor of Science Nursing Loan Repayment
- Health Professions Education Scholarship
- Health Professions Education Loan Repayment
- Licensed Vocational Nursing Loan Repayment
- Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program
- Licensed Vocational Nursing Scholarship
- Licensed Vocational Nursing to Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship
- Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment

# Who Can Participate in this Philanthropic Endeavor?

**Individuals** can make contributions directly to the Foundation or through the United Way. The Foundation's United Way designation code is **16046**.

Foundations can contribute to the Foundation in many ways such as granting: funds for the development of a strategic and/or a long range plan; funds for core support; funds to support a capital campaign; and funds for special projects.

Hospitals, Health Care Institutions & Health Plans who have an interest in recruiting individuals to medically underserved areas should consider partnering with the Foundation.

**Professional Societies & Organizations** may wish to follow the example of California's registered nurses and donate a portion of their licensure or membership fees to the Foundation.

**Corporations** may wish to endow scholarships, sponsor the Foundation's annual recognition ceremony, or match contributions from their employees.

**Gifts** including stocks, real estate, other appreciated assets, life insurance, bequests and trusts can be donated to the Foundation. The Foundation is pleased to accept "in-kind" gifts for professional services, equipment, and conference facilities.

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

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